Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—We are not responsible for such bad customs.

The motion was hence withdrawn with leave of the House.

17. State—aid to Colleges affiliated to Madras University.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I do not press it, Sir.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—*This Council recommends to the Government that hereafter no aid of any kind should be extended to any College in the State that owes allegiance to the Madras University and that instructions be immediately issued to them to seek affiliation to any other University than the Madras University.*"

18. Exemption from Standing Order No. (1).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—This resolution reads as follows:—

"This Council recommends to the Government that all unpassed English knowing hands now in service be exempted from the operation of Standing Order No. 1 with a view to give them the benefit of the recent re-organisation of pay and enable them to draw Rs. 25—40 per mensem."

This is a proposition which in the shape of a cut motion I had once placed before this House.

For want of statistics, I can make only one general observation. To the best of my information, the number of such hands cannot be a big one. The rule was in force that for posts carrying more than Rs. 20 only passed hands should be appointed. That is Standing Order No 1. And subsequent to the passing of that, I don't think appointments of unpassed hands had been made. Therefore this resolution will affect such of the low-paid Government servants as chanced to enter the Government service about 10 or 15 years ago and who are now rotting on Rs. 20 per mensem. Again I understand that in various departments of service on the recommendations of the Departmental Heads concerned, exemptions have been granted. I understand that exemptions have been granted even in the case of persons whose present pay is only Rs. 18, not even Rs. 20. They have been enabled to draw this scale of Rs. 25 to 40. I refer to certain exemptions to certain clerks in the Forest Department. I also know that such men in the Civil Judicial Department are also exempted. On the Criminal side, I believe, that is in the Magistrate's Court, a few hands are labouring under this difficulty. Even after strong recommendations by the District Magistrate, the Government did not find its way to grant exemption to some of those hands. I believe, that the ac-

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